

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND
TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the application of : Sparks, Adrian
Serial No. : 09/745,890
Filed : December 21, 2000
For : Load Sharing Nodes in a Network Utilising Shared
Optical Protection
Examiner : Tran, Dzung D
Art Unit : 2633
Customer number : 23644

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 29, 2008

Honorable Director of Patents and Trademarks
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir,

Applicants file herewith a full response to the non Final Office Action
mailed January 29, 2008, in connection with the above referenced application.